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ACTION STR FOR MATTHEISEN AND STARKEY

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SUBJECT: U.S.- CANADA DISCUSSION OF SAFEGUARD ISSUES

REF: MTN GENEVA 3955; STATE 62371 (NOTAL)

1. U.S. MTN DEL AND WASHINGTON VISITORS MET WITH
CANADIAN MTN DEL JULY 16 FOR INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON
CANADIAN PAPER ON U.S.-CANADA CONSULTATION
ARRANGEMENTS (REFTELS) AND OTHER SAFEGUARDS TOPICS. PER
GUIDANCE PAPER FROM INTERAGENCY SAFEGUARDS TASK FORCE,
U.S. ADVISED CANADA THAT ITS WRITTEN DESCRIPTION
OF CASES UNDER RENNER-TOWE CONSULTATIVE ARRANGEMENT"
SEEMED TO BE ACCURATE RENDERING OF FACTS AND POSITIONS
TAKEN BY BOTH SIDES ON THOSE OCCASIONS. CANADA HAD
NOTHING NEW TO ADD ON ITS PROJECTED PROPOSAL
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FOR A U.S.-CANADA-MEXICO TRILATERAL ARRANGEMENT, BUT

SPENT MUCH OF SESSION INQUIRING ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS
U.S. HAD FOR HANDLING BORDER TRADE PROBLEMS WITH
MEXICO.

2. CANADIAN DEL IN PARTICULAR WANTED EXPLANATION
OF FEDERAL MARKETING ORDERS ON AGRICULTURAL
PRODUCTS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR U.S.-CANADA BORDER
TRADE AND WORK OF SAFEGUARDS GROUP IN MTN. U.S.
REQUESTED WRITTEN VERSION OF CANADIAN QUESTIONS AS
BASIS FOR DETAILED RESPONSE. SUBSEQUENT TO MEETING,
CANADIAN DEL (GIFFORD) WROTE TO HARTZELL OF MTN
DEL WITH SERIES OF QUESTIONS ON OPERATION OF MARKETING
ORDERS AND CONSISTENCY WITH GATT ARTICLES. WE ARE
FORWARDING TEXT OF LETTER SEPTEL.

3. CANADIAN DEL ALSO IN CONTEXT OF
INQUIRING ABOUT U.S.-MEXICO PROBLEMS ARE HANDLED SOUGHT
OUR AGREEMENT TO INFORMAL DISTRIBUTION OF RENNER-TOWE
LETTERS AND CANADIAN FACTUAL PAPER THERON TO MEXICAN
REPRESENTATIVES, IN LIGHT OF PRIOR CANADIAN STATEMENT
THAT THEY ENVISAGED TRILATERAL SAFEGUARD ARRANGEMENT
AT END OF DAY. WE PROMISED EARLY RESPONSE
ON THIS QUESTION. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO SERIOUS
DIFFICULTY WITH DISTRIBUTION OF CANADIAN FACTUAL
PAPER TO MEXICANS BUT QUESTION WHETHER IT WISE AT
THIS STATE TO ALSO FURNISH ACTUAL TEXT OF RENNER-TOWE
LETTERS (WHICH COULD UNNECESSARILY STIMULATE MEXICAN
INTEREST IN GETTING SIMILAR ARRANGEMENT
BEFORE WE KNOW ULTIMATE CANADIAN OBJECTIVES).

4. FULL MEMCON OF BILATERAL SESSION HAND-CARRIED
TO MATTHEISEN (STR) AND OTHER WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS
LAST WEEK. COPY POUCHED ALONG WITH TASK FROCE
GUIDANCE PAPER TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (A) EARLY INDICATION OF
APPROVAL OR OBJECTION TO MEXICAN RECEIPT
OF PAPERS ON U.S.-CANADA BILATERAL CONSULTATION
ARRANGEMENTS PER PARA 4, AS WELL AS DEFINITIVE INFORMATION
ON PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS IF ANY GOVERNING USE OF SAFE-
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GUARD MEASURES IN U.S.-MEXICO TRADE, (B) GUIDANCE ON
APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO CANADIAN DEL QUESTIONS ON
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING ORDERS. SUGGESTION: WE WILL
PROBABLY WANT TO RESIST CANADIAN IMPLICATION THAT
MARKETING ORDERS FALL WITHIN SCOPE OF SAFEGUARDS GROUP,
OR THAT THEY ARE USED INTENTIONALLY FOR RESTRICTING IMPORTS,
OR THAT THEY ARE INCONSISTENT WITH GATT ARTICLE XI. ON
OTHER HAND, WE SHOULD EXPLORE CAREFULLY CONNECTION BETWEEN

MARKETING ORDER PROGRAM AND SEASONAL/CYCLICAL
ISSUES OF STRONG INTEREST TO CANADIANS IN SAFEGUARDS
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